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In re Application of

Ryuji Sato

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Group Art Unit: 3621

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For: METHOD OF TRANSACTING MERCHANDISE ON ON-LINE SHOPPING AND  
SYSTEM OF PROCESSING INFORMATION ABOUT INTERMEDIARYHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

✓ In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-10 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 11-20 are added. Claims 1-10 are independent.

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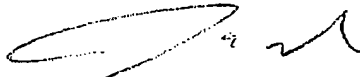
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/778,863  
Our Ref: UDA.006

Dear Examiner Backer:

Enclosed is the draft Amendment, responsive to the September 29, 2003 Office Action.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at the above phone number.

Very truly yours,



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